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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER MORO TO BUDAPEST AND SOFIA

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1. FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR EAST EUROPEAN BILATERAL AFFAIRS (VECCHI) WHO ACCOMPANIED MORO ON TRIP TO BUDAPEST AND SOFIA HAD LITTLE TO ADD TO COMPREHENSIVE REPORTS CONTAINED REFTELS. VECCHI CONFIRMED THAT, AS INDICATED REFTELS, ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT TO TWO CAPITALS WAS QUITE DIFFERENT WITH HUNGARIANS PUSHING HARD ON TOPICS OF INTEREST WHILE BULGARIANS DISPLAYED MUCH MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE. SPECIFICALLY, VECCHI NOTED THAT MORE THAN FIVE HOURS WERE REQUIRED TO HAMMER OUT ACCEPTABLE COMMUNIQUE WITH HUNGARIANS WHO WERE WORKING FROM "LOADED" DRAFT WHILE IN SOFIA COMMUNIQUE REQUIRED LESS THAN AN HOUR FOR AGREEMENT. DIFFERENCE IN VISITS ALSO PARTIALLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO FACT THAT TIME ALLOTTED TO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN SOFIA WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN IN BUDAPEST.

2. ON SPECIFICS OF HUNGARIAN COMMUNIQUE, VECCHI RECALLED THAT DECISION TO EXCLUDE REFERENCE BOTH TO GENEVA MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE

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AND DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WAS RESULT OF STUBBORN INSISTENCE

BY PUJA THAT ONLY FORMER DESERVED MENTION. MORO AGREED TO INCLUDE BOTH BUT PUJA WOULD HAVE NOTHING OF IT, CHARGING THAT US DISENGAGEMENT EFFORTS WOULD IMPEDE LONG-RANGE PEACE PROSPECTS. REGARDING CSCE, VECCHI SAID THAT HUNGARIANS HAD PRESSED HARD FOR EXPLICIT REFERENCE IN COMMUNIQUE TO THIRD STAGE OF CONFERENCE AND THAT ITALIANS HAD FINALLY AGREED AFTER OBTAINING BALANCED TREATMENT FOR SECOND STAGE.

3. VECCHI ALSO NOTED THAT QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF HUNGARIAN CONSULATE IN MILAN HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AGAIN DURING MORO VISIT. HUNGARIANS HAD WANTED TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT BUT ITALIANS INSISTED ON FURTHER SPADE WORK. VECCHI AND HUNGARIAN DCM HAVE NOW RESUMED TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT AND, GIVEN HUNGARIAN WILLINGNESS TO OFFER RECIPROCAL RIGHTS, IT IS EXPECTED THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED SHORTLY. BEAUDRY

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